

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 4, 6-8, 10 and 12, and AMEND claims 1, 9 and 11 in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) An input/output control system for controlling the input and output of commands from a plurality of consoles to a server, comprising:

~~an input/output status controller, based on control tables, controlling the~~an input/output status of commands from respective consoles to the server so that only one console at a time is allowed to have input privilege and other of the consoles are allowed to have output privilege; and

~~an input/output controller, based on privilege control tables, controlling the input/output of commands based on the input/output status so that the commands from the input privileged console are sent to the server, and response messages or results of execution from the server are sent to the input privileged console and the output privileged consoles; and~~

a switching mechanism automatically switching the input privileged console to having the output privilege after receiving the results of the execution.

2. (original) An input/output control system as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

a display displaying console information identifying whether respective consoles have input/output privileges based on whether command input privileges are set for respective consoles.

3. (original) An input/output control system as recited in claim 1, wherein the input/output controller sets a type of input/output control based on the input/output status of a command received from the respective consoles.

4. (cancelled)

5. (cancelled)

6. (cancelled)

7. (cancelled)

8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a program for implementing with a computer a method of controlling command input/output from a plurality of consoles to a server, the method comprising:

receiving commands input from the plurality of consoles;

updating an input status of the server in response to a first command received from a first console;

controlling, based on control tables, the input status of the server to exclude input of other commands to the server while in the updated input status,

wherein only one console at a time is allowed to have input privilege and other of the consoles are allowed to have output privilege with the server; and

controlling, based on privilege control tables, the input/output of commands based on the an input/output status so that the commands from the input privileged console are sent to the server, and the response message or the result of execution from the server are sent to the input privileged console and the output privileged consoles; and

automatically switching the input privileged console to having the output privilege after receiving the result of the execution.

10. (cancelled)

11. (currently amended) A method of controlling command input/output from a plurality of consoles to a server, the method comprising:

receiving commands input from the plurality of consoles;

updating an input status of the server in response to a first command received from a first console;

controlling, based on control tables, the input status of the server to exclude input of other commands to the server while in the updated input status,

wherein only one of the plurality of consoles at a time is allowed to have input privilege

and other of the consoles are allowed to have output privilege with the server; and
controlling, based on privilege control tables, the input/output of commands based on the
an input/output status so that the commands from the input privileged console are sent to the
server, and the response message or the result of execution from the server are sent to the input
privileged console and the output privileged consoles; and
automatically switching the input privileged console to having the output privilege after
receiving the result of the execution.

12. (cancelled)